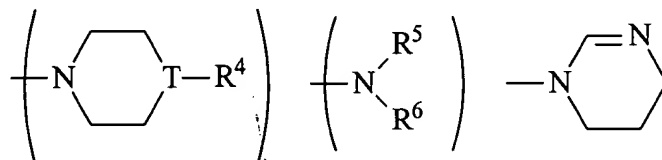


wherein,

R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group or a lower alkoxy group;

R² represents a 4-morpholinyl group, a 1-imidazolyl group, a 1-lower alkyl homopiperazin-4-yl group or a group selected from the groups represented by the following formulae:



(wherein, T represents a nitrogen atom or a methine group;

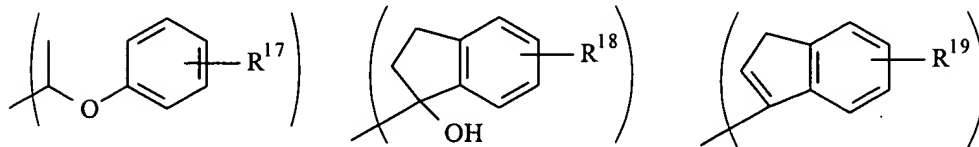
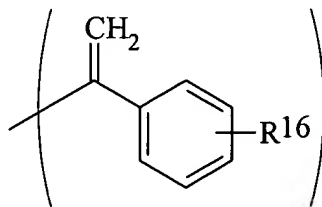
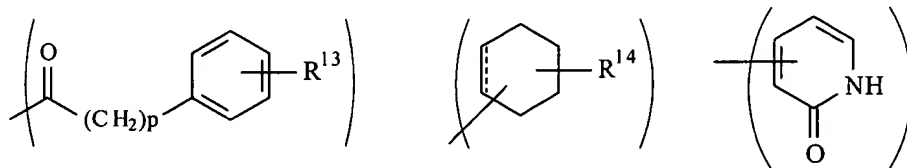
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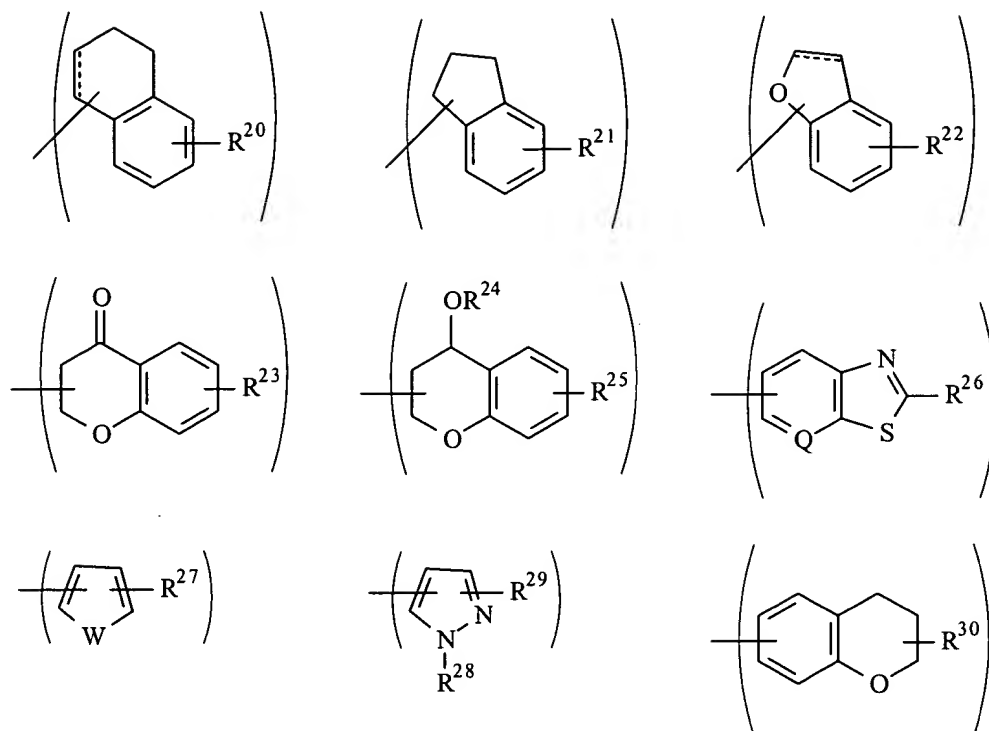
R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a halogenated lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, 1-piperidyl group, an alkenyl group, a cyano lower alkyl group, a carbamoyl lower alkyl group, a lower acyl group, an aromatic acyl group, a lower alkoxy carbonyl group, an aryloxy carbonyl group or an aralkyloxy carbonyl group;

R⁵ and R⁶ are the same as or different from each other and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a di lower alkyl aminoalkyl group, an optionally substituted heteroaryl lower alkyl group);

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 6; and

B represents an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted heteroaryl group, an optionally substituted aralkyloxy group, an aryl(hydroxy)alkyl group, an aromatic acyl amino group, an arylsulfonylamino group, a lower alkoxy arylsulfonylamino group, a hydroxy lower alkoxy styryl group, a lower alkoxy aryloxy group, 4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl group, 4-pyridylpiperidin-1-yl group, an optionally substituted arylalkenyl group, an optionally substituted arylalkynyl group, an optionally substituted heteroarylalkenyl group, an optionally substituted heteroarylalkynyl group, an aromatic acyl alkynyl group, an optionally N-substituted amino lower alkyl group, an optionally substituted arylamino group, an optionally substituted aralkylamino group or a group selected from the groups represented by the following formulae:





(wherein p represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 6;

R^{13} , R^{14} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , R^{19} , R^{20} , R^{21} , R^{22} , R^{23} , R^{25} , R^{27} and R^{29} independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkoxy group or tetrahydropyranyl group;

R^{24} represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group;

R^{26} represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy lower alkyl group;

R^{28} represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group;

R^{30} represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group or a hydroxy lower alkoxy group;

W represents sulfur atom or oxygen atom; and

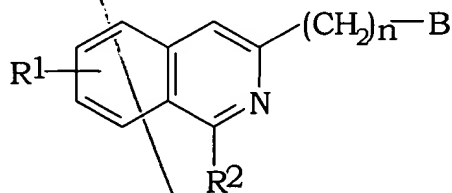
the bond represented by the following formula:



represents a single or double bond;

provided that: when n represents 0, B is not 1-naphthyl; when n represents 0 and R^2 is 1-imidazole, B is not phenyl; and when n represents 0 and B is 4-methylpiperidin-1-yl, B is not bromophenyl, chlorophenyl, methoxyphenyl, or tolyl.

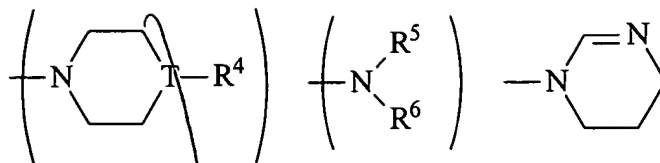
B¹ 2. (twice amended) A condensed pyridine compound represented by the following formula, its pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrates thereof



wherein,

R^1 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group or a lower alkoxy group;

R^2 represents 4-morpholinyl group, 1-imidazolyl group, a 1-lower alkylhomopiperazin-4-yl group or a group selected from the groups represented by the following formulae:



(wherein, T represents a nitrogen atom or a methine group;

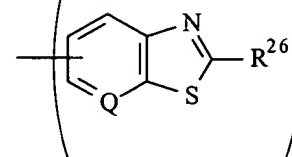
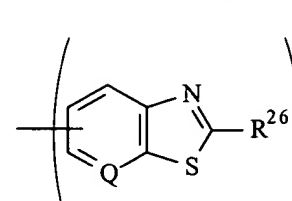
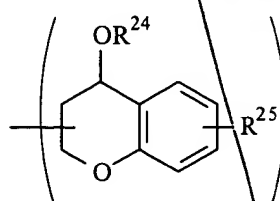
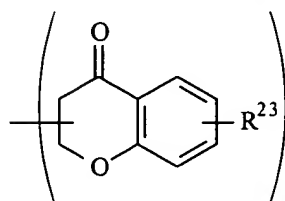
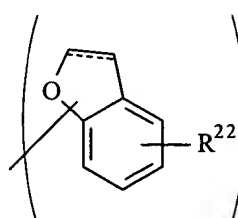
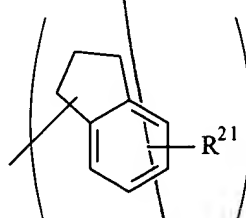
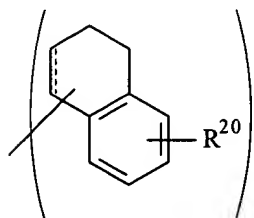
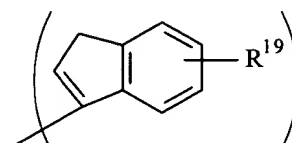
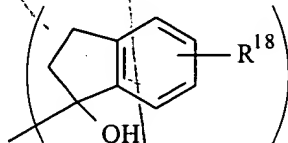
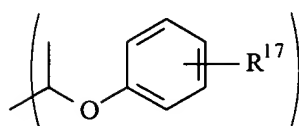
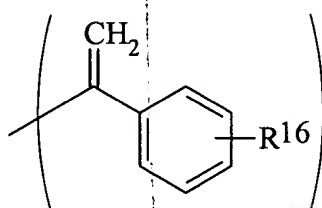
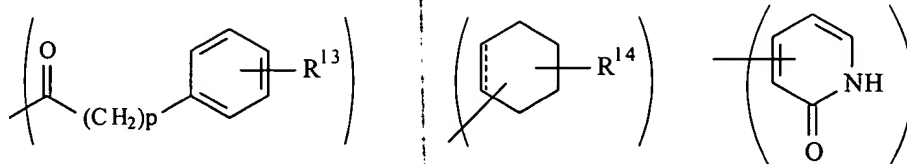
R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a halogenated lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, 1-piperidyl group, an alkenyl group, a cyano lower alkyl group, a carbamoyl lower alkyl group, a lower acyl group, an aromatic acyl group, a lower alkoxy carbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group or an aralkyloxycarbonyl group; and

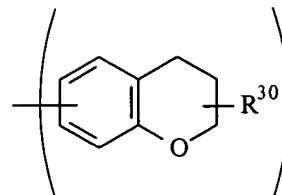
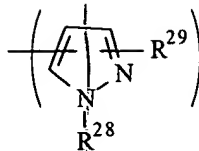
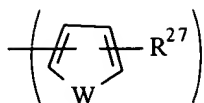
R⁵ and R⁶ are the same as or different from each other and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a di lower alkylaminoalkyl group, an optionally substituted heteroaryl lower alkyl group);

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 6; and

B represents an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted heteroaryl group, an optionally substituted aralkyloxy group, an aryl(hydroxy)alkyl group, an aromatic acyl amino group, an arylsulfonylamino group, a lower alkoxy arylsulfonylamino group, a hydroxy lower alkoxy styryl group, a lower alkoxy aryloxy group, 4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl group, 4-pyridylpiperidin-1-yl group, an optionally substituted arylalkenyl group, an optionally substituted arylalkynyl group, an optionally substituted heteroarylalkenyl group, an optionally substituted heteroarylalkynyl group, an aromatic acyl alkynyl group, an optionally N-substituted amino lower alkyl group, an optionally substituted arylamino group, an optionally substituted

aralkylamino group or a group selected from the groups represented by the following formulae:





(wherein p represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 6;

R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁶, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²⁰, R²¹, R²², R²³, R²⁵, R²⁷ and R²⁹ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkoxy group or tetrahydropyranyl group;

R²⁴ represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group;

R²⁶ represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy lower alkyl group;

R²⁸ represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group;

R³⁰ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group or a hydroxy lower alkoxy group;

W represents sulfur atom or oxygen atom; and

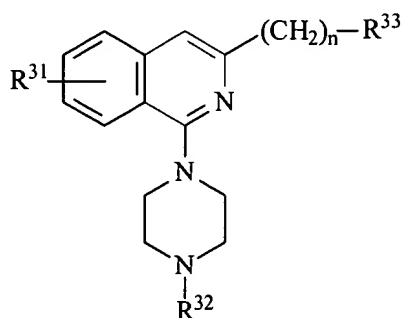
the bond represented by the following formula:



represents a single or double bond;

provided that: when n represents 0, B is not 1-naphthyl; when n represents 0 and R² is 1-imidazole, B is not phenyl; and when n represents 0 and B is 4-methylpiperidin-1-yl, B is not bromophenyl, chlorophenyl, methoxyphenyl, or tolyl.

4. (twice amended) The condensed pyridine compound as claimed in Claim 1, which is a compound represented by the following formula:



(wherein R^{31} has the same meaning as that of the above R^1 , R^{32} has the same meaning as that of the above R^2 and R^{33} has the same meanings as that of the above B, respectively), its pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrates thereof.

Add new claims 13-17:

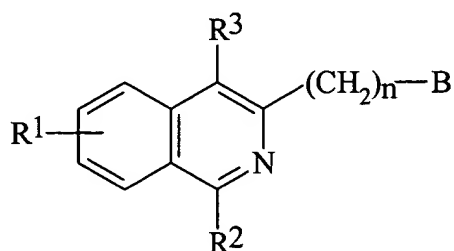
13. The compound of claim 4, wherein R^{31} is hydrogen.

β^3 14. The compound of claim 4, wherein R^{32} is ethyl.

15. The compound of claim 4, wherein n is zero and B is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted pyridyl.

16. The compound of claim 4, wherein R^{31} is hydrogen, R^{32} is ethyl, n is zero, and B is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted pyridyl.

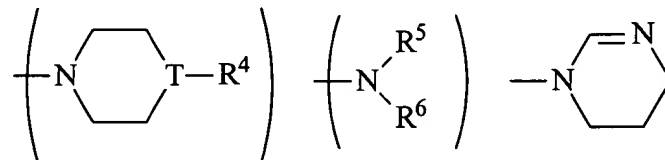
17. A condensed pyridine compound represented by the following formula, its pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrates thereof



wherein,

R^1 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group or a lower alkoxy group;

R^2 represents a 4-morpholinyl group, a 1-imidazolyl group, a 1-lower alkyl homopiperazin-4-yl group or a group selected from the groups represented by the following formulae:



(wherein, T represents a nitrogen atom or a methine group;

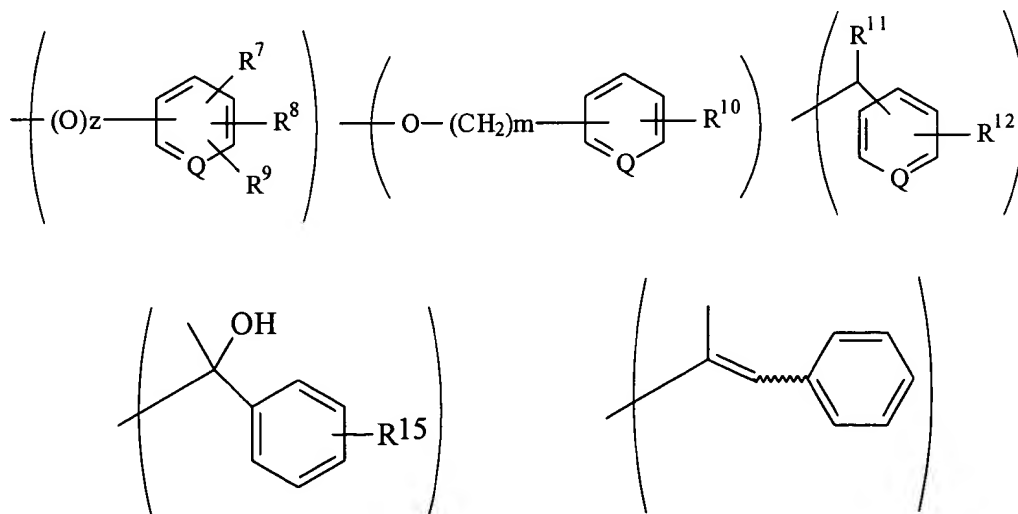
R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group or a lower alkoxy group;

R^4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a halogenated lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, 1-piperidyl group, an alkenyl group, a cyano lower alkyl group, a carbamoyl lower alkyl group, a lower acyl group, an aromatic acyl group, a lower alkoxy carbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group or an aralkyloxycarbonyl group;

R^5 and R^6 are the same as or different from each other and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a di lower alkyl aminoalkyl group, an optionally substituted heteroaryl lower alkyl group);

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 6; and

B represents a group selected from the groups represented by the following formula:



(wherein z represents 0 or 1;

Q represents a nitrogen atom or a methine group;

B³ R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ are the same as or different from each other and each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkenyl group, a lower alkynyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower thioalkoxy group, a hydroxy lower thioalkoxy group, an arylthio group, a heteroarylthio group, a heteroaryl(hydroxy)alkyl group, a halogenated lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a dihydroxy lower alkyl group, a halogenated (hydroxy) lower alkyl group, a hydroxyalkenyl group, a hydroxyalkynyl group, a hydroxy lower cycloalkenyl group, a lower alkoxy(hydroxy)alkyl group, a lower alkoxy(hydroxy)alkoxy group, a lower alkoxyalkyl group, a lower alkoxyalkoxy group, a lower thioalkoxyalkoxy group, a lower alkylsulfonylalkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkoxy group, a dihydroxy lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkylalkoxy group, a hydroxyimino lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl (hydroxy) alkyl group, an aralkyl group, a hydroxyaralkyl group, cyano group, a cyano lower alkyl group, amide group, an N-lower alkylamide group, an N-lower cycloalkylamide group, an N,N-di lower alkylamide group, an N-hydroxy lower alkylamide group, an N-hydroxy lower alkyl-N-lower alkylamide group, an N-arylamine group, cyclic aminocarbonyl group, carbamoyl group, an N-lower alkyl carbamoyl group, an N,N-di lower alkyl carbamoyl group, aminosulfonyl group, cyclic aminosulfonyl group, an N-lower alkylaminosulfonyl group, an N-lower cycloalkylaminosulfonyl group, an N,N-di lower alkylaminosulfonyl group, an N-hydroxy lower alkylaminosulfonyl group, an N-lower alkoxyalkylaminosulfonyl group, an N-halogenated lower alkylsulfonyl group, pyrrolidinylsulfonyl group, a lower alkylsulfonylaminoalkyl group, an N-lower alkylaminosulfonylalkyl group, an N,N-di lower alkylaminosulfonylalkyl group, a lower acyl group, a lower acylalkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl(hydroxy)methyl group, tetrahydropyranyl group,

hydroxytetrahydropyranyl group, a hydroxy lower alkyltetrahydropyranyl group, a lower acylaminoalkyl group, (thiazol-2-yl)hydroxymethyl group, di(thiazol-2-yl)hydroxymethyl group, a lower alkylsulfonyl group, a lower alkoxyalkylsulfonyl group, a hydroxy lower alkylsulfonyl group, a lower alkylsulfonylalkyl group, an N-lower alkylamidealkyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, a heteroaryl group, a heteroaryl lower alkyl group, a heteroaryl lower alkoxy group, a heteroarylsulfonyl group, 4-morpholinylsulfonyl group, 4-oxythiomorpholinylsulfonyl group, 4-dioxythiomorpholinylsulfonyl group, 4-morpholinylsulfonyl group, a hydroxy lower cycloalkyl group, a hydroxy lower cycloalkyloxy group, a hydroxycycloalkenyl group, a halogenated hydroxy lower alkyl group, 4-hydroxypiperidyl group, a 4-lower alkoxypiperidyl group, an ω,ω -lower alkylenedioxyalkyl group, an ω,ω -lower alkylenedioxyalkoxy group, a lower cycloalkylhydroxymethyl group, an aryloxy group, an arylaminosulfonyl group, amino group, a lower alkylamino group, a di lower alkylamino group, a hydroxy lower alkylamino group, a lower acylamino group, a hydroxy lower acylamino group, a lower alkylsulfonylamino group, a pyridyl lower alkoxy group, a lower alkylpyridylalkoxy group, a lower alkoxyhydroxyalkoxy group, a lower thioalkoxyalkoxy group, a lower alkylsulfonylalkoxy group, an N-lower alkylcarbamoyl group, an N,N-di lower alkylcarbamoyl group, an N-hydroxy lower alkylcarbamoyl group, an N-hydroxy lower alkyl-N-lower alkylcarbamoyl group, a halogenated lower alkoxy group, a cyano lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower cycloalkoxy group, trifluoromethyl group, trifluoromethoxy group, an amino lower alkoxy group, an N-lower alkyl aminoalkoxy group, an N,N-di lower alkylaminoalkoxy group, a lower acylalkoxy group, a lower acylaminoalkoxy group, a (1,3-dioxolanyl) lower alkyl group, a (1,3-dioxolanyl) lower alkoxyl group, an amide lower alkoxyl group, a 4-(hydroxyalkyl)tetrahydropyran-4-yl group, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl group, a 2-

hydroxy-2-alkyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl group, indanonyl group, hydroxyindanyl group, an imidazolyl lower alkoxy group, succinimide group or 2-oxazolidon-3-yl group;

furthermore, R⁷ represents a hydrogen atom, while R⁸ and R⁹ form cyclopentanone ring, hydroxycyclopentane ring, a hydroxyalkylcyclopentane ring, cyclohexanone ring, hydroxycyclohexane ring, a hydroxyalkylcyclohexane ring, 2-hydroxymethyl-2-methylcyclopentanone ring, 1,2-ethylenedioxy ring or methylenedioxy ring;

m or p represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 6;

R¹⁰ and R¹² independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkoxy group or tetrahydropyranyl group;

R¹¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxy group, a lower alkyl group or a lower alkoxy group;

W represents sulfur atom or oxygen atom; and

the bond represented by the following formula:



represents trans or cis bond).

Attached hereto is a marked up version showing the changes made to claims by this Amendment.